

**PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE WHITEHAVEN JUNCTION RAILWAY.**—A serious injury was done to the Whitehaven Junction Railway on Saturday week, when the sea washed down a high strong wall, and rushing over the embankment, tore up the rails to the extent of some 30 or 40 yards, and also destroyed the wall which protected the other side.

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**PORTLAND BREAKWATER.**—A correspondent from Portland, in explaining the present state of the works there, informs us that they are now carried out to a length of 1,750 feet from the shore line (not 7,750) out of 7,900 feet, the entire length to be executed. The engineer in chief, as we think we have before stated, is Mr. J. M. Rendel, F.R.S.

**EXTRAMURAL INTERMENT.**—Deputations from the parishes of Marylebone and St. Pancras waited on Lord John Russell last Saturday at the Treasury, for the purpose of suggesting arrangements advisable for carrying out some measure in favour of extramural interments. In his reply Lord John stated that he had instructed Lord Seymour to prepare a measure and carry out its details on the general principles on which they were all agreed; and that so far from its being the object of the Government to have any control in such matters, they had quite enough to do already, and had no wish to be incumbered with more.

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**TO THE LADIES OF THE KINGDOM AND THOSE UNLEARNED IN ARCHITECTURE.**—We propose to commence, in the next number of *THE BUILDER*, and to continue until completed, a popular sketch of the history of architecture from the earliest times to the present day, in the shape of a series of Letters to a Lady, giving the characteristics and dates of the various styles, with occasional illustrations, references to existing examples, and brief notices of eminent structure-raisers. Our object will be to make these letters interesting and amusing as well as instructive, and to give a stock of useful knowledge in a pleasant form to some who would be otherwise deterred from acquiring it.

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"New Buildings Act: References, &c." (we have several items of information on these heads in type, but postpone them for a future issue.) "J. M." "C. B." "J. C." "E. S." (thanks.) "F. C. P." "G. W." "A. in the city in operation? Has any house been built?" "F. R." "W. F." (we are sorry we cannot usefully advise.) "J. T." (we will look in.) "P. L." "J. A. G." "T. J. H." (declined, with thanks.) "A. P." "J. B." "L. C. M." "O. R. L." (an excellent form letter has already been made. The proposed arrangement for keeping out the water is imperfect.) "T. G." (the epitaph sent has been often printed.) "F. S." (ditto.) "A. B." "Brutal (apply to a competent architect)." "F. S." "A. B." (under the circumstances we should trap each pipe.) "T. C." "O. R." "G. J. R." "E. F." "W. G. E." "A. G. H." "W. W." (see present number for reply.) "Two Readers" (ditto.) "A. E. H." "S. C." "J. C." "An Old Subscriber" (it depends on circumstances, but it will be safer to trap each pipe.) "T. N." "C. H." "R. J."

**REMARKS.**—In report of a recent trial, Mr. Lett was erroneously described by plaintiff's attorney as "district" surveyor.

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